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MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGER

Hello everyone,

First, thank you for contributing to the fund for one of our dearest employees in a time of need. This person is very appreciative of our efforts. It is an ongoing opportunity to contribute to one of our own who is in difficulty. If you haven't donated, please give what you can. Needless to say, this person can use all our help.

Last month, during the Board meeting, Nelson gave us a thorough overview of the concrete restoration and an overall picture of the recertification process. Although the concrete work may appear to be progressing at a noisy snail's pace, it is not. It seems that way because we've encountered additional issues that were not expected initially and had to be dealt with. We have, however, steadily moved on from the east and south side sections and toward the middle of the building. Most people who have remodeled homes know that not everything in the renovating process is foreseeable or accounted for when you begin. Snags, problems, and the unexpected must be addressed as they're encountered. And that has created financial challenges for us. The problem is that to meet the "unexpected," we had to spend more than was budgeted.

Leslie gave us an excellent presentation explaining our financial shortfalls and what our options are. Unfortunately, there is only so much we can move around or defer. Everything indicates that we are most likely headed for another special assessment to make up the difference. We are working on our new budget for next year, and by then, we will figure out what steps to take.

On a more pleasant flip side, it has been proposed that we reform the Entertainment Committee and revive our social diversions and activities again. It's not easy to put together these events. It takes a lot of work, creativity, and dedication to put together with only a small budget available. Anyone interested in participating can submit their names to Jorge at the management office. That's it for now.

Happy Thanksgiving! Ernesto



GETTIN' FIGGY WITH IT

National Fig Week is November 1-7. It is a great time to enjoy the taste of figs. Many people are not familiar with this sweet fruit. The easiest way to use figs in recipes is to use dried figs, easily found at your local grocer year round. To help you enjoy them, we've compiled some delicious and easy recipes.

Poached Figs: Wash one pound of dried figs. Place the figs in a medium saucepan and cover with cold water. Add two tablespoons lemon juice and stew the figs, covered, until they are soft. Drain the juice from the figs and remove the figs from the pan. Return the juice to the saucepan and simmer with about one cup of sugar until thick. Add back in the figs and stir. Let cool. Add one tablespoon dry sherry. Chill and serve with ice cream.



Thai Chicken Salad With Figs: To make the dressing, mix together 6 tablespoons fresh lime juice, 1/4 cup honey, 3 teaspoon light soy sauce, 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, and 2 teaspoons minced fresh gingerroot. Add 2 cups shredded cooked chicken and 1 cup dried figs, with stems removed and cut into eighths. Add 2 sliced green onions and 1/4 cup chopped fresh mint. Toss to coat evenly. Cover and refrigerate for one hour, stirring occasionally. To serve, add to the mixture one chopped cucumber and 1/2 small cantaloupe, cut into small pieces. Line plates with salad greens and arrange mixture in center. Makes 6 servings.

Gorgonzola-Stuffed Figs: In a medium saucepan, combine 8 ounces dried figs with one cup sugar and one cup water. Heat to boiling and remove from heat. Cover figs and let stand until plumped and cool. Snip deep crosses into each and spread out until almost flat. Blend 12 ounces of soft cream cheese with 4 ounces of Gorgonzola or blue cheese. Fill center of figs with cheese mixture. Top each with one pecan half. Chill and serve cold.



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TURKEY TALK

Just in time for Thanksgiving, enjoy these fun turkey jokes and riddles.

Q: What do you get when you cross a turkey with a centipede? A: Drumsticks for everyone!!!

Q: Why did the turkey cross the road? A: It was the chicken's day off.

Q: Why did the turkey cross the road? A: Because Thanksgiving was right around the corner.

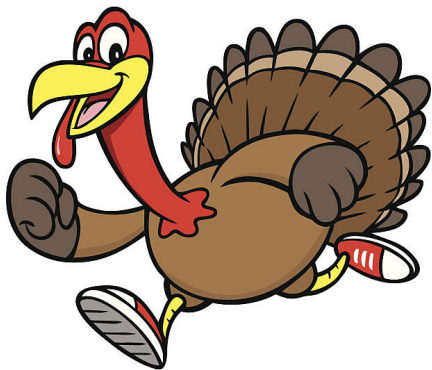
Q: Where does a turkey go before Thanksgiving? A: To the dressing room.

Q: How can you send a turkey through the post office? A: Bird class mail.

Q: What happened when the turkey got into a fight? A: He got the stuffing knocked out of him.

Q: Why was the turkey the drummer in the band? A: Because he had the drumsticks.

Q: What do you call a dumb gobbler? A: A jerky turkey.




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- Zun Zun Children's Festival: 123 Andrés **SUN 10.1** **FREE**
- La Escala Sonora **WED 10.4**
- Kany Garcia • Second Date **FRI 10.6**
- Mala Rodriguez & Sara Socas **SAT 10.7**
- Kevin Kaarl **THU 10.12**
- Italian HIT week • Coma Cose **SAT 10.14** **FREE**
- Scary Pockets **SUN 10.15**
- Cuco in Concert: iii points Satellite Event **THU 10.19**
- The Head and the Heart **FRI 10.20**
- Arturo O'Farrill & the Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra **SAT 10.21**
- Pedro Capó **SUN 10.22**
- The Dip **THU 10.26**
- Midnight at MuseZeum ft Slick Rick **SAT 10.28**
- Rocky Horror Picture Show **SUN 10.29**

NOVEMBER

- Rhythm Foundation Gala **THU 11.2**
- Gera MX & Nanpa Básico **FRI 11.3**
- Israel Fernandez & Diego del Morao **SAT 11.4**
- Fall For Dance NOW! **SUN 11.5**
- GIMS **THU 11.9**
- The Second Annual Law Rocks Miami **FRI 11.10**
- Juanes (Ratones Paranoicos) **SAT 11.11**
- Daybreaker **SUN 11.12**
- Nu Deco Ensemble Dress Rehearsal **THU 11.16** **FREE**
- Nu Deco Ensemble ft. Lucius **SAT 11.18**
- Metronomy **SUN 11.19**
- We Belong Here **SAT 11.25**

DECEMBER

- North Beach Music Festival **FRI 12.1 • SAT 12.2 • SUN 12.3**
- Miami Beach Rock Ensemble:
A Tribute to Doug Burris **SAT 12.16**
- North Beach Social: Suénalo Sound System **THU 12.21** **FREE**

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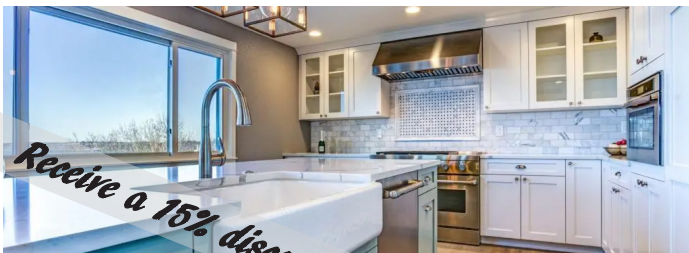
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